

*Summary*

BOROUGH OF TIVERTON

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A N N U A L   R E P O R T

For the Year 1954

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE  
AUTHORITY

(a) Part time M.O.H.

G. Nicholson, M.D., F.R.C.S., D.P.H.

(b) Sanitary Inspector and Meat and Food Inspector

Charles Jeffries, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I.

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REPORT OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
to the Borough of Tiverton.

For the year ended 31st December, 1954.

11, St. Peter Street,  
Tiverton.

June, 1955.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year ending 31st December, 1954.

Area. Although the Borough covers an area of 17,680 acres, the Town itself covers 300 acres only.

Population. Estimated 11,480.

Inhabited Houses. Number in 1954 was 3,343.

Rateable Value is £81,726.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate. £329 - 19 - 3

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

|                           | Total. | Males. | Females. |   |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|----------|---|
| Live (Legitimate Births(  | 161    | 87     | 74       | ) Birth Rate:<br>) 14.0 per 1000                                |
| Still (Legitimate Births( | 3      | 1      | 2        | ) Rate per 1000<br>Births 18.6<br>(Total Live and Still Births) |
| Corrected Birth Rate.     | 14.2   |        |          |   |
| Deaths... ..              | 152    | 72     | 80       | ) Death Rate: per<br>1000 13.2                                  |
| Corrected Death Rate.     | ...    | ...    | ...      | 11.2 per 1000   |

Deaths from Pregnancy and Childbirth, 0; Puerperal Sepsis, 0; other causes, 0.

Death rate of Infants under 1 year of age. (3) All infants per 1000 live births, 18.0

Illegitimate infants under 1 year, Nil.

Deaths from Measles ... .. Nil.

" " Whooping Cough ... .. 1

" " Diarrhoea... .. Nil.

Deaths from Cancer, 25

|             |   |      |   |        |   |
|-------------|---|------|---|--------|---|
| Uterus      | - | Male | - | Female | 1 |
| Breast      | - | "    | 1 | "      | 2 |
| Stomach     | - | "    | 1 | "      | 2 |
| Lung        | - | "    | 3 | "      | - |
| Other Sites | ) | "    | 9 | "      | 6 |

This is 6 more than the previous year.

Cancer Notification. A scheme for the Voluntary Notification of this disease is contemplated for the ensuing year. This will be designed to supplement the work of the Regional Cancer Bureau for the South West.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

- (1) Nursing in the Home. No change.
- (2) Domiciliary Midwifery is carried out by the two district nurses.
- (3) Laboratory Facilities. There are two in the Area - The County Laboratory and that connected with the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.
- (4) Hospitals. The old Joint Board Isolation Hospital has now been taken over by the Regional Hospital Board for the reception of recovery cases. Belmont Hospital the converted workhouse is now a chronic sick hospital also with part accommodation, in the Exeter & Mid Devon Hospital Group. Infectious cases are sent to Whipton Isolation Hospital where accommodation is always adequate.

Tiverton and District Hospital deals with Surgical, Medical and Maternity cases. There are 50 beds, 11 of which are devoted to Maternity cases. Bookings are carried out by the County Medical Officer.

An Ante-natal Clinic is held every Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. at the hospital.

A Tuberculosis Clinic is now held at the above Hospital twice monthly.

- (5) Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers. None in the Area.
- (6) Ambulance Facilities. No change.
- (7) Clinics and Treatment Centres:-

Minor Ailments Clinic Wednesdays 9 - 12 a.m.  
Dr. Proctor-Sims and Mrs. Sparks, the Health Visitor, in attendance.

Remedial Exercise Clinic. Wednesdays 11 - 12 a.m.  
Mrs. Sparks, the Health Visitor, in attendance.

Ophthalmic Clinic. 2nd Tuesdays in alternate months commencing January etc. Dr. Foxwell in attendance. By appointment.

Speech Therapy Clinics. Fortnightly at present.  
Miss Brown, Speech Therapist, in attendance.



School Dental Service. Emergency treatment  
Wednesdays 9 - 12.30 a.m. 1.30 - 4 p.m.  
Other days by appointment.  
Mr. Halestrap. Newly appointed.

Maternity & Child Welfare Centre. This Centre is open  
weekly on Wednesdays, 2.0 to 4.0 p.m.

The attendances for 1954 were as follows:-

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Total infants attending for first time ... ..       | 81   |
| " children, 1 to 5 years, attending for first time. | 18   |
| Number on Register at end of year - Mothers ... ..  | 297  |
| " " " " " " " - Infants ... ..                      | 81   |
| " " " " " " " - 1 to 5 years ... ..                 | 216  |
| Number of attendances during 1954 - Mothers ... ..  | 1505 |
| " " " " " " - Infants ... ..                        | 1091 |
| " " " " " " - 1 to 5 years ... ..                   | 438  |

The Mothers and Children have had supervision and advice both at the Welfare weekly by the Medical Officer and the Health Visitor, and in their houses by the Health Visitor. Simple treatment has been given where considered sufficient, in other cases the mothers were referred to their private doctor for treatment.

Home Help Service. Cases dealt with during the past year were:-

| Old Age/Chronic Sick | T.B. | Maternity | Others. |
|----------------------|------|-----------|---------|
| 40                   | 1    | 15        | 10      |

Cases are dealt with direct through Mrs. Sparks, the Health Visitor, in conjunction with the W.V.S. Some Maternity cases in the area are dealt with direct by the District Nurses.

The Orthopaedic Clinic was held on 52 Tuesdays during the year - Appointments are made by the Secretary, Miss Waterworth, and this works very well.

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Number on Register, 1/1/54 ... ..                      | 301  |
| " " " 31/12/54 ... ..                                  | 304  |
| Sessions held by Surgeons 48; After care Sister 28 ... | 76   |
| New Cases ... ..                                       | 330  |
| Discharges ... ..                                      | 327  |
| Admitted to Hospital ... ..                            | 47   |
| Average weekly attendance ... ..                       | 25.5 |
| Number of Attendances ... ..                           | 1278 |
| Admissions: Adults ... ..                              | 290  |
| School Age ... ..                                      | 20   |
| Infants ... ..   | 20   |
|  | 330  |

Some of the elder patients have been trained at St. Loyes's College for the Disabled, in connection with the Clinic, the aim being the complete rehabilitation of the patients.

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Scabies. Non reported during the year.

Diphtheria Immunization. Vaccination procedure administered by County Council and a Clinic is held for this purpose on each Wednesday. The majority of cases are dealt with by local doctors at their surgeries. The percentage of children immunised continues to be highly satisfactory.

Primary immunizations I59. Reinforcing immunizations 268.

Tuberculosis. New Cases and Mortality in 1954.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925).  
No action taken.

Tuberculosis.

| Age Period. | NEW CASES  |   |                |   | DEATHS     |   |                |   |
|-------------|------------|---|----------------|---|------------|---|----------------|---|
|             | Pulmonary. |   | Non-Pulmonary. |   | Pulmonary. |   | Non-Pulmonary. |   |
|             | M          | F | M              | F | M          | F | M              | F |
| 7           | -          | - | -              | - | -          | - | -              | - |
| 10          | 1          | - | -              | - | -          | - | -              | - |
| 14          | -          | 2 | -              | - | -          | - | -              | - |
| 20          | -          | 2 | -              | - | -          | 2 | -              | - |
| 30          | 1          | 1 | -              | - | -          | - | -              | - |
| 40          | -          | 1 | 1              | - | -          | - | -              | - |
| 50          | 1          | - | -              | - | -          | - | -              | - |
| 60          | -          | 1 | -              | - | -          | 1 | -              | - |
| 80          | -          | - | -              | - | -          | - | -              | - |
| NK          | -          | - | -              | - | -          | - | -              | - |
| Totals      | 3          | 7 | 1              | - | -          | 3 | -              | - |

Notifiable Diseases.

Age Incidence.

| Age Period   | Scarlet Fever | Dysentery | Puerperal Pyrexia | Pnuemonia | Erysipelas |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| Under 1 year | -             | -         | -                 | 1         | -          |
| 1 to 2       | 2             | -         | -                 | -         | -          |
| 3 to 4       | 7             | -         | -                 | -         | -          |
| 5 to 9       | 13            | -         | -                 | 2         | -          |
| 10 to 14     | 1             | -         | -                 | 1         | -          |
| 15 to 24     | -             | -         | -                 | -         | -          |
| 25 to 40     | -             | -         | -                 | -         | -          |
| 40 to 65     | -             | -         | -                 | 2         | -          |
| 65 and over  | -             | -         | -                 | -         | 1          |
| Age Unknown  | -             | -         | -                 | 1         | -          |
| Totals       | 23            | -         | -                 | 7         | 1          |

| Age Period   | Measles | Whooping Cough | Acute Poliomyelitis |               | Acute Encephalitis |                |
|--------------|---------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
|              |         |                | Paralytic           | Non Paralytic | Infective          | Post Infective |
| Under 1 year | -       | 3              | -                   | -             | -                  | -              |
| 1 to 2       | 1       | 7              | -                   | -             | -                  | -              |
| 3 to 4       | -       | 9              | -                   | -             | -                  | -              |
| 5 to 9       | -       | 4              | -                   | -             | -                  | -              |
| 10 to 14     | -       | -              | -                   | -             | -                  | -              |
| 15 to 24     | -       | -              | -                   | -             | -                  | -              |
| 25 to 40     | -       | -              | -                   | -             | -                  | -              |
| 40 to 65     | -       | -              | -                   | -             | -                  | -              |
| 65 and over  | -       | -              | -                   | -             | -                  | -              |
| Age Unknown  | -       | -              | -                   | -             | -                  | -              |
| Totals       | 1       | 23             | -                   | -             | -                  | -              |

Public Health Act, 1925.      No action taken.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE NICHOLSON,

Medical Officer of Health.





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# REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

to the Borough of Tiverton

1st January to 31st December, 1954.

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Sanitary Inspector's Office,  
Town Hall, Tiverton.  
August 1955.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors  
of the Tiverton Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my ninth Annual Report in connection with duties carried out during the year 1954.

Towards the end of 1954 the number of applicants on the Housing List had been reduced to 215, of which number 30 were applicants without separate homes.

Slum Clearance. Alderman Ford (Chairman of the Public Health Committee) together with members of the Slum Clearance Sub-Committee completed the inspection of two hundred and forty-four houses during the period under review. Each of these houses has been individually inspected, a very considerable time having been devoted to the purpose.

Meat and Food Inspection. Following my usual practice, I again carried out ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of all animals at the Council's abattoir, a total of 4855 animals. Approximately 5½ tons of meat and offal was condemned as unfit for human consumption. The percentage of animals affected with Tuberculosis is little different from the previous year and is low compared with the figures for the country as a whole.

67 Visits were paid to food premises and approximately 16 cwts. of foodstuffs condemned and destroyed.

## Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

### Water Supply.

- (1) The water supply for the Town has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.
- (2) Bacteriological examinations have been made at regular monthly intervals of the treated water going into supply. Water from the Allers supply (source springs at Norwood Common, supplemented by pumping from River Exe) is both filtered and chlorinated. Water from the Warnicombe supply is only chlorinated.
- (3) The waters have no plumbo-solvent action.
- (4) No contamination during year.
- (5) The number of dwelling houses in the Borough and population supplied from public mains are 3,178 houses, 11,123 population. The water is piped in direct to approximately 2,679 houses, whilst approximately 499 houses are supplied by means of stand pipes. These latter houses being situated principally in Courts. A further 165 houses, population 357 are without piped supplies.

RESULTS OF SAMPLING

| <u>Source of Supply.</u>   | <u>No. of Samples.</u> | <u>Satisfactory.</u> | <u>Unsatisfactory.</u> |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Allers Public Main.  | 13                     | 13                   | -                      |
| Warnicombe Public Main.  | 12                     | 12                   | -                      |
| Farms and Other Premises.  | 5                      | 4                    | 1                      |
| 3 samples of the Public Mains supplies were obtained and submitted for Chemical examination. |                        |                      |                        |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF MEAT AND FOODS

440 Visits of Inspection were made to the Council's Abattoir for the purpose of Meat Inspection. Ante-mortem is a regular feature of the meat inspection service.

The following table shows the numbers of animals slaughtered at the Public Abattoir during the year and gives details of meat and offal condemned as diseased or unsound:-

|   | Cattle | Cows   | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs  |
|---|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|-------|
| Number Killed ... ..  | 547    | 97     | 496    | 2702            | 1013  |
| Number Inspected. ... ..  | "      | "      | "      | "               | "     |
| ALL DISEASES EXCEPT T.B.:-  |        |        |        |                 |       |
| Whole carcasses condemned ...   | 1      | 2      | 12     | 39              | 8     |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..                                | 197    | 75     | 9      | 202             | 30    |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.                  | 36.2%  | 79.38% | 4.23%  | 8.92%           | 3.75% |
| TUBERCULOSIS ONLY:-   |        |        |        |                 |       |
| Whole carcasses condemned ...   | -      | -      | -      | -               | -     |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..                                | 10     | 10     | -      | -               | 32    |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis...                          | 1.83%  | 10.3%  | -      | -               | 3.16% |
| Note:- Included in the above totals are 7 dressed sheep, received at the Slaughter House. |        |        |        |                 |       |



| <u>BEEF</u>   |                  |                  |  |
|---|------------------|------------------|--|
| <u>No. of Carcasses</u>                                 | <u>Disease</u>   | <u>Weight</u>    |  |
| 2   | Septicaemia.     | 737              |  |
| <u>1</u>  | Acute Fever.     | <u>524</u>       |  |
| <u>3</u>  |                  | <u>1261 lbs.</u> |  |
| <u>Parts of Carcasses</u>                               |                  |                  |  |
| I   | Osteomyelitis.   | 13 lbs.          |  |
| <u>Offal</u>  | Various.         | 3263 lbs.        |  |
| <u>BEEF - Tuberculosis.</u>                             |                  |                  |  |
| <u>No. of Carcasses</u>                                 |                  |                  |  |
| I   | Generalised T.B. | 411 lbs.         |  |
| <u>Parts of Carcasses</u>                               |                  |                  |  |
| 2   | Tuberculosis.    | 298 lbs.         |  |
| <u>Offal</u>  | T.B.             | 544 lbs.         |  |
| Total Weight of BEEF Condemned. 17 cwts. 2 qrs. 23 lbs. |                  |                  |  |
| " " " OFFAL " 1 ton. 13 " 3 " 27 "                      |                  |                  |  |

| <u>CALVES</u>                   |                            |                 |        |         |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|
| <u>No. of Carcasses</u>         | <u>Disease</u>             | <u>Weight</u>   |        |         |
| 1                               | Acute Enteritis and Fever. | 78              |        |         |
| 0                               | Umbilical Pyaemia.         | 521             |        |         |
| 1                               | Septicaemia.               | 118             |        |         |
| 2                               | Inflammation.              | 82              |        |         |
| <u>1</u>                        | Immature.                  | <u>35</u>       |        |         |
| <u>14</u>                       |                            | <u>834 lbs.</u> |        |         |
| <u>Parts of Carcasses</u>       |                            |                 |        |         |
| 1                               | Oedema.                    | 6               |        |         |
| <u>1</u>                        | Abscess.                   | <u>13</u>       |        |         |
| <u>2</u>                        |                            | <u>19 lbs.</u>  |        |         |
| <u>Offal</u>                    | Various.                   | 153 lbs.        |        |         |
| Total Weight of VEAL condemned. |                            | 7 cwts.         | 2 qrs. | 13 lbs. |
| "                               | "                          | 1 "             | 1 "    | 13 "    |
| "                               | "                          | "               | "      | "       |
| "                               | OFFAL                      | "               | "      | "       |

SHEEP

| <u>No. of Carcases</u>  | <u>Disease</u>               | <u>Weight</u>    |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|
| 9   | Septicaemia.                 | 444              |
| 1   | Moribund.                    | 46               |
| 3   | Deep and Extensive Bruising. | 121              |
| 5   | Inflammation.                | 256              |
| 5   | Septic Pneumonia.            | 263              |
| 1   | Pyæmia and Ureamia.          | 38               |
| 6   | Entero Toxaemia.             | 293              |
| 3   | Pregnancy Toxaemia.          | 205              |
| 1   | Oedema. (General).           | 44               |
| 2   | " "                          | 124              |
| 2   | Septic Mastitis.             | 143              |
| 1   | Traumatic Injuries.          | 69               |
| 2   | Emaciation and Diseased.     | 80               |
| 1   | Septic Metritis.             | 71               |
| <u>42</u>   |                              | <u>2197 lbs.</u> |
| <u>Parts of Carcases</u>  |                              |                  |
| 3   | Abscesses.                   | 20               |
| 7   | Injuries.                    | 69               |
| 2   | Inflammation.                | 30               |
| 5   | Pleurisy.                    | 63               |
| 2   | Septic Pneumonia.            | 77               |
| 1   | Oedema.                      | 5                |
| <u>4</u>  | Traumatic Injuries.          | <u>85</u>        |
| <u>24</u>   |                              | <u>349 lbs.</u>  |
| <u>Offal</u>  | Various.                     | 818 lbs.         |
| Total Weight of MUTTON Condemned. 1 ton. 2 cwts. 2 qrs. 26 lbs. |                              |                  |
| " " " OFFAL " 7 " 1 " 6 "                                       |                              |                  |

PIGS

| <u>No. of Carcases</u> |                    |                  |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1                      | Septic Metritis.   | 290              |
| 1                      | Acute Enteritis.   | 135              |
| 1                      | Acute Fever.       | 72               |
| 1                      | Acute Erysipelas.  | 67               |
| 1                      | Acute Peritonitis. | 116              |
| 1                      | Acute Pneumonia.   | 56               |
| <u>1</u>               | Pyæmia.            | <u>298</u>       |
| <u>7</u>               |                    | <u>1034 lbs.</u> |
| <u>Parts</u>           |                    |                  |
| 1                      | Peritonitis.       | 20               |
| 1                      | Acute Pleurisy.    | 80               |
| 1                      | Injury.            | 22               |
| <u>1</u>               | Acute Fever.       | <u>4</u>         |
| <u>4</u>               |                    | <u>126 lbs.</u>  |
| <u>Offal</u>           | Various.           | 184 lbs.         |



| <u>Carcases</u>   | <u>PIGS - Tuberculosis.</u> | <u>Weight</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|
| -   | Nil                         | -             |
| <u>Parts</u>  |                             |               |
| 27  | Tuberculosis.               | 372 lbs.      |
| <u>Offal</u>  | T.B.                        | 13 lbs.       |
| Total Weight of PORK Condemned. 13 cwts. 2 qrs. 20 lbs. |                             |               |
| "   | " OFFAL "                   | 1 " 3 " 1 "   |

67 Visits made to shops for the purpose of inspection and condemnation of Unsound Food and premises inspected for contravention of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938.

The following is a list of food condemned:-

| <u>Description</u> |                 | <u>Weight</u>      | <u>Description</u> |                 | <u>Weight</u>       |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
|                    |                 | lbs.               |                    |                 | lbs.                |                 |
| Tinned             | Meat.....       | 274 $\frac{1}{2}$  | Tinned             | Br/fd.          | 1177 $\frac{1}{2}$  |                 |
|                    | " .....         | 274 $\frac{1}{2}$  |                    | Fruit.....      | 555                 |                 |
|                    | Soup.....       | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$   |                    | "               | Puddings.....       | 3               |
|                    | Ham.....        | 79 $\frac{3}{4}$   |                    | "               | Spaghetti.....      | - $\frac{1}{2}$ |
|                    | Bacon.....      | 15                 |                    | Jars            | Sandwich Spread.... | - $\frac{1}{4}$ |
|                    | Fish.....       | 134                |                    | Bottled         | Pickles.....        | 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
|                    | " .....         | 39 $\frac{1}{2}$   |                    | Carton          | Chocolate Spread... | - $\frac{1}{2}$ |
|                    | Vegetables..... | 236 $\frac{1}{4}$  |                    |                 | Cheese.....         | 3               |
|                    | Milk.....       | 107 $\frac{1}{4}$  |                    |                 | Barley.....         | 57              |
|                    | "               | Cream.....         |                    | 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ |                     |                 |
| Cr/fd.             |                 | 1177 $\frac{1}{2}$ |                    |                 | 1799                |                 |

|                                 |  |  |  |          |        |        |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|----------|--------|--------|
| Total Weight of Food Condemned. |  |  |  | 16 cwts. | 0 qrs. | 7 lbs. |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|----------|--------|--------|

#### MILK REGULATIONS

Licences for the retailing of Tuberculin Tested and Pasteurised Milk have been issued to the following:-

Mrs. Richards, Park Street Dairy.  
 Mr. R. E. Thomas, Slough Dairy.  
 Mr. W. H. Brealey, Luxton's Dairy, 2A West Ede North.  
 Mr. P. Hooper, The Fountain Dairy.

| FACTORIES IN DETAIL.  |                    |             | INSPECTION.               |                      |     |
|---|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----|
| Premises  | Number on Register | Inspections | Number of Written Notices | Occupiers Prosecuted |     |
| (1) (2)   | (3)                | (4)         | (5)                       | (6)                  | (7) |
| (i) Factories in which Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.      | 25                 | 2           | 1                         | Nil                  | Nil |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. | 88                 | 52          | 13                        | Nil                  | Nil |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.               | 15                 | 4           | 1                         | Nil                  | Nil |
| Totals  | 128                | 58          | 15                        | Nil                  | Nil |

Cases in which defects were found

| Particulars   | Number of Cases in which defects were found |          |                              |                   | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. |     |
|---|---|----------|------------------------------|-------------------|--|-----|
|   | Found                                       | Remedied | Referred - To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector |  |     |
| (1) (2)   | (3)   | (4)      | (5)                          | (6)               | (7)  | (8) |
| Want of cleanliness   | 2   | 2        | Nil                          | 2                 | Nil  | Nil |
| Overcrowding  | Nil   | Nil      | Nil                          | Nil               | "  | "   |
| Unreasonable temperature.   | Nil   | Nil      | Nil                          | Nil               | "  | "   |
| Inadequate ventilation.   | "   | "        | "                            | "                 | "  | "   |
| Ineffective drainage of floors.   | "   | "        | "                            | "                 | "  | "   |
| Sanitary Conveniences   |   |          |                              |                   |  |     |
| (a) insufficient  | 2   | 2        | "                            | 2                 | "  | "   |
| (b) unsuitable or defective   | 2   | 2        | "                            | 2                 | "  | "   |
| (c) not separate for sexes  | Nil   | Nil      | Nil                          | Nil               | Nil  | Nil |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | 4   | 4        | "                            | 4                 | "  | "   |
| Total   | 10  | 10       | "                            | 10                | "  | "   |

OUTWORK

Number of Out-workers required by Sect. 110.

Wearing Apparel (Making, etc. Cleaning and washing) .....22  
Lace, lace curtains and nets.....13



CLEARANCE AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

PART A. - CLEARANCE AREAS (Housing Act, 1936)

|                                 | Number of dwelling-houses demolished in the period. |              | Number of persons displaced |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------------|
|                                 | Unfit houses  | Other houses |                             |
| (1) Land coloured "pink" ... .. | 9   | -----        | 10                          |
| (2) Land coloured "grey" ... .. | -----   | Nil          | Nil                         |

PART B. - HOUSES NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARANCE AREAS

|   | Number of |                   |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
|   | Houses    | Persons displaced |
| DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS   |           |                   |
| (1) Housing Act, 1936.  |           |                   |
| (a) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section II .....  | 3         | 8                 |
| (b) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Section II, and still in force ... ..  | 1         | 1                 |
| (c) Parts of buildings closed (Section 12) ...  | -         | -                 |
| (2) Housing Act, 1949   |           |                   |
| (a) Closing Orders made under Section 3 (1)   | Nil       | -                 |
| (b) Demolition orders determined and closing Orders substituted under Section 3 (2)   | Nil       | -                 |
| (3) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.  | Nil       | -                 |
| Closing Orders made under Section 10 (1)  |           |                   |
|   |           | Number of Houses  |
| REPAIRS   |           |                   |
| INFORMAL ACTION   |           |                   |
| (4) Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Public Health or Housing Acts. |           | 45                |
| ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS   |           |                   |
| (5) Public Health Acts  |           |                   |
| Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices   |           | Nil               |
| (a) by owners   |           |                   |
| (b) by local authority default of owners  |           | Nil               |
| (6) Housing Act, 1936   |           |                   |
| Number of houses made fit after service of formal notices (Sections 9, 10, 11 and 16)   |           |                   |
| (a) by owners   |           | 1                 |
| (b) by local authority in default of owners.  |           | Nil               |

| SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR |                         |     |     |      |
|---|-------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Drainage Inspections and Tests.             | ...                     | ... | ... | 261  |
| Factories Act                               | ...                     | ... | ... | 13   |
| Food Shops re Condemned Food...             | ...                     | ... | ... | 67   |
| Food & Drugs Act...                         | ...                     | ... | ... | 40   |
| Shops Act....                               | ...                     | ... | ... | 3    |
| Slaughterhouse                              | ...                     | ... | ... | 440  |
| Dairies                                     | ...                     | ... | ... | 9    |
| Rodent Control                              | ...                     | ... | ... | 33   |
| Council's Points Scheme:-                   | Inspections             |     |     | 193  |
|   | Re-Visits..             |     |     | 122  |
|   | Allocation.             |     |     | 42   |
| Water Samples taken:-                       | Public Mains...         |     |     | 25   |
|   | Other Premises & Farms. |     |     | 5    |
| Ice Cream                                   | ...                     | ... | ... | 3    |
| Caravans                                    | ...                     | ... | ... | 13   |
| Explosives Licensing                        | ...                     | ... | ... | 4    |
| Petroleum                                   | ...                     | ... | ... | 14   |
| Disinfection, Disinfestation...             | ...                     | ... | ... | 21   |
| Inspections re Complaints                   | ...                     | ... | ... | 179  |
| Re-Visits                                   | ...                     | ... | ... | 181  |
| Infectious Diseases                         | ...                     | ... | ... | 12   |
| Slum Clearance                              | ...                     | ... | ... | 244  |
| Improvement Grants.                         | ...                     | ... | ... | 11   |
| Miscellaneous                               | ...                     | ... | ... | 6    |
| Total                                       |                         |     |     | 1941 |

#### PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928.

45 Licences were re-issued for the storage of 32,300 gallons of Petroleum Spirit, 540 gallons Petroleum Mixtures, and 270 gallons Cellulose Thinners.

14 Premises were inspected and advice given on installation of further storage tanks and pumps.

2 Licences re-issued for storage of Carbide of Calcium.

#### EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875

26 applications were received for the registration of premises for the storage of gunpowder and mixed explosives.

26 Certificates of Registration were granted.

#### RODENT CONTROL

Mr. Luxon carried out systematic inspections of the various premises in the Borough including 253 agricultural properties and 570 business properties.

A total of 78 treatments were carried out in the area.

The gin trap again proved its worth and has been largely instrumental in keeping the built up area of the Town free from rats.

I regret the delay in the compilation of this report, caused by the heavy amount of clerical work occasioned by Slum Clearance work

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

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